

Burnt Ship Creek Habitat Enhancement



Habitat restoration in Burnt Ship Creek will take place this winter and spring.

This project will enhance habitat for fish, birds, and other wildlife in Burnt Ship Creek and the surrounding marsh. Extensive cattail growth has filled in the stream channel preventing fish and wildlife passage and reducing the variety of plants and animals that once lived here. This project will remove cattails to restore the stream channel of this Niagara River tributary to provide fish passage and spawning habitat between the creek and the marsh, and to improve water movement through the marsh. Dredging will increase open water, and a variety of submerged and emergent vegetation will be planted. A similar project conducted by Ducks Unlimited will take place in the adjacent marsh. Together, these projects will restore more than 27 acres of habitat in Buckhorn Island State Park.

Temporary trail closures may be required and will be posted during construction.

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